

## April 2017 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2017

Present: Fr. Tony Steinacker, Fr. Eloy Jimenez, Nancy Glon, Carmen Acosta, Brian Sapp, John Alheim, Alice Wheeler, Monica Ridenour

Absent: Jose Calderon, Luis Valencia

The meeting began at 7:10 pm with Fr. Tony leading prayer.

The minutes of the meeting in March 2017 were reviewed and accepted.

Fr. Tony gave the council an update on the Our Sunday Visitor giving program. The parish giving is up 19% from the time before the program, which is better than the usual parish increase of 14%, although, that 19% covers the cost of the program. Fr. Tony is planning on send the parishioners who gave to the parish, a bilingual letter of thanks. OSV would like the parish to renew in August and the renewal cost is \$4,000.00. Fr. Tony said he will not do it for now. They gave the parish scripted letters to use but Fr. Tony said that he likes to use his own words when asking his parishioners for money.

Regarding the Parish 5/10 year Plan, Fr. Tony said he was surprised to find out he did not inherit an established plan for this parish. He has met the "Building Committee" portion of the 5/10 year plan. The committee is comprised of six men with construction and engineering backgrounds.

The parish school will celebrate its 150th anniversary with the school year starting August 2020. The parish had great success in using the 175th anniversary to raise money to refresh and renew the church building and items in the church. He is hoping to use the upcoming anniversary to raise funds to improve the school building.

Fr. Tony has asked Alice to contact six individuals to form a committee for faith building in our parish. Alice said it is in the formative stage. It will be an English speaking group since Father Tony and Alice do not speak Spanish. She also added that she felt the parish Spanish speaking community is far ahead of the English speaking community in this endeavor. Fr. Tony would like to see a parish retreat offered since it has been about four years since the last one. Brian said we could do marketing for the parish mission.

The "Active Shooter" class will be held on Tuesday, May 9th from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm either in the school gym or in the church basement. The class will take the place of the PPC meeting for that night. This class will be good for ushers, group leaders, church committee members and anyone who may be interested.

Fr. Tony asked for comments on the new electronic sign board in front of the church. The Hispanic community has received positive feedback on the Spanish language messages.

The meeting ended at 8:10 with prayer lead by Fr. Tony.